

2025/26 State Budget Key Community Services Industry Initiatives

Children and Young People

- \$204 million for claims related to child sexual abuse in state care.
- \$9.9 million for the Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People.
- \$8 million for Intensive Family Engagement Service.
- \$5.9 million for the Office of Implementation Monitor.
- \$1.9 million for the JCP Youth Beast program.
- \$500,000 for the Office of National Preventative Mechanism.
- \$225,000 for the Youth After Hours Diversion Service pilot.
- Expansion of services in out-of-home care or at high risk of involvement with the youth justice system.

Closing the Gap

- \$4.4 million to progress Closing the Gap, including establishing Tasmanian Aboriginal Truth-Telling and Healing Commissioners.

Education and Early Learning

- \$9.9 billion invested into education, children and young people, representing 24% of Budget expenditure.
- Aspirational goal of 100% literacy.
- Progressing new supersized Child and Family Learning Centres in Huonville, Longford, Scottsdale and Smithton.

Digital Inclusion

- \$125,000 for Libraries Tasmania 26TEN Communities Program.

Food Security

- \$7 million to support emergency food relief programs across the state.
- \$400,000 for place-based food pilot to address food insecurity in local communities.
- \$300,000 for Healthy School Lunches Program kitchen upgrades.

Housing and Homelessness

- \$500 million under the '10,000 social and affordable homes' plan.
- \$2.8 million for the new Bethlehem House.
- \$2.4 million to support women and children at-risk of homelessness (former Bethlehem House).
- \$674,000 for Hobart Women's Shelter — Safe Place.
- \$467,000 for Indigo Lodge tenant relocation.
- \$100,000 to Shekinah House to expand homelessness services.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

- \$44 million boost for Statewide Mental Health Services to meet rising demand.
- Delivering the new Northern Mental Health Precinct at Launceston General Hospital.
- A new clinic for the Tasmanian Eating Disorder Service in Prospect Vale.
- Delivering a dedicated Mental Health Precinct in Burnie.
- New Mental Health Hub in Devonport.
- Construction of a Health and Wellbeing Precinct at St, Johns Park, which will include:
 - A Mental Health Centre, including 15 short-stay beds, a Mental Health Integration Hub, and a Safe Haven;
 - A 12-bed Southern Eating Disorder Clinic;
 - A 12-bed, stand-alone Child and Adolescent Mental Health Inpatient Unit and Day Facility; and
 - A 40-bed Older Persons Mental Health facility for older people with mental illness and complex dementia.

Neighbourhood Houses

- \$1.3 million for Neighbourhood Houses Community Connector Program.

Supporting Tasmanians

- \$357 million for concessions (energy, water, transport, rates etc.).
- \$9.62 million for Sexual Assault Support Service and Laurel House to provide specialist therapeutic services to victim-survivors of sexual violence.
- \$150,000 per year boost to the Energy Hardship Fund, providing support to Tasmanians struggling to pay their energy bills.
- Supporting victim-survivors with a new Arch Centre at Burnie.
- Delivering a dedicated hospice and respite care facility in Launceston.
- Extending the No Interest Loan Network for Tasmanians on low incomes.

Transport

- Half price bus fares for school students and regional routes for 12 months to deliver relief to Tasmanian families.

Volunteering

- \$600,000 to provide free Working with Vulnerable People Cards for the next two years.
- \$100,000 for implementation of Volunteering Strategy.

Other Community Service Industry Initiatives

- \$1.4 million for Community Participation and Appeals Fund.
- \$1 million to Hamlet for employment and training of people with disability.
- \$1 million for Healthy Tasmania Strategy.
- \$853,000 for Older Tasmanians Action Plan implementation.
- \$520,000 for Camp Clayton infrastructure upgrades.
- \$500,000 for Troublesmiths to support highly disadvantaged young people with employment.
- \$239,000 for the development of the next Carer Action Plan.
- \$202,000 for LGBTQIA+ Strategy Implementation.
- \$200,000 for Multicultural Action Pan implementation.
- \$150,000 for a community services sustainability initiative.
- \$132,000 to support and expand Beyond the Rainbow services.
- Delivering Ticket to Play for young people to help with sporting fees and Ticket to Wellness to help older Tasmanians keep active and engaged with sport and recreation.